GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:351
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2002
ASSESSMENT OF REHABILITATION WORK
DINESH CHANDRA YADAV;RAM JEEVAN SINGH;RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Gujarat called on the Prime Minister in June 2002 to give an account of the progress in the work of rehabilitation of the victims of February-June 2002 communal violence in the State;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the average amount of compensation paid for the life and limbs lost, per person and per house destroyed during the violence and the alternatives provided;

(d) whether essential supplies for the refugee camps were cut down to force the refugees to leave and vacate the camps;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) the number of camps closed down in May and June this year; and

(g) the further steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Chief Minister of Gujarat met the Prime Minister on 13.6.2002 and briefed him about various issues relating to Relief and Rehabilitation measures for the riot-affected in Gujarat.

(c): Ex-gratia compensation to the families in case of death were paid @ Rs.1.5 lakhs, at rates ranging from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- depending on the degree of injury suffered, in the case of persons injured and at rate ranging upto Rs.50,000/- for damages to houses in the case of rural areas and at rates to be fixed after survey in urban areas.

(d): The Union Government has no such information.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): As on 1.7.02, there were 10 Relief camps in the State with 13,179 inmates as compared to the peak figure of 121 camps with 1,32,532 inmates as on 15.4.2002.

(g): The Relief and Rehabilitation work in Gujarat is being monitored by senior Secretaries at the State level as well as by the Cabinet Secretary at the Central level.